

Something Fishy

Adaptation

Mouth

sucker shaped mouth
 elongate upper jaw
 elongate lower jaw
 duckbill jaws
 extremely large jaws

Body Shape

torpedo shape
 flat bellied
 vertical disk
 horizontal disk
 hump backed

Coloration

light colored belly
 dark upper side
 vertical stripes
 horizontal stripes
 mottled

Reproduction

eggs deposited in bottom
 eggs deposited in nests
 floating eggs
 eggs attached to vegetation
 live bearers

Advantage

feeds on very small plants and animals
 feeds on prey it looks down on
 feeds on prey it sees above
 grasps prey
 surrounds prey

fast moving
 bottom feeder
 feeds above or below
 bottom dweller
 stable in fast moving water

predators have difficulty seeing it from below
 predators have difficulty seeing it from above
 can hide in vegetation
 can hide in vegetation
 can hide in rocks and on bottom

hidden from predators
 protected by adults
 dispersed in high numbers
 stable until hatching

high survival rate

Examples

sucker, carp

spoonbill, sturgeon
 barracuda, snook
 muskellunge, pike
 bass, grouper

trout, salmon, tuna
 catfish, sucker
 butterfly fish, bluegill
 flounder, halibut
 sockeye salmon, chub,
 razorback sucker, coho salmon

most minnows, perch, tuna,
 mackerel
 bluegill, crappie, barracuda,
 flounder
 muskellunge, pickerel, bluegill
 yellow and white bass, snook
 trout, grouper, rockbass, hogsucker

trout, salmon, most minnows
 bass, stickleback
 striped bass
 perch, northern pike, carp,
 muskellunge,
 guppies



Spotted Grouper